GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
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SAVING OF SUSCEPTIBLE RAILWAY STATIONS FROM RIVER EROSION
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways have taken any steps to save susceptible railway stations from river erosion;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken/being taken from the Samudragarh and Kalinagar railway stations, in West Bengal which is situated only 30 mts away from river Ganga?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS(DR. R. VELU)

(a)&(b): Yes,Sir.Preventive measures including raising of river course embankment, boulder pitching of railway embankment and other protective measures are carried out by Railway in Railway lands.Concerned State Governments are also apprised & approached for needful at their ends from time to time.Railways maintain emergency stock of materials like boulders, sand, gunny bags, wire net Trungers, etc. kept in sufficient quantity to check water erosion during floods.

(c): Railway has sanctioned protection works costing Rs.3.26 crores in consultation with Irrigation Department of West Bengal Government.Work in this regard has been taken up.In addition,State Government of West Bengal has also been approached to carry out the required protective works falling within their jurisdiction.